Order of Service for Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Prelude "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Bonds" J. S. Bach

Welcome

Reading from the Gospel of John 13: 34-35 — The New Commandment

(The Mandatum Novum, the origin for the name Maundy Thursday)

Call to Worship

Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love. Through word and deed, Jesus showed us how to love God and to love one another. He brought a simple message: Love God, love yourself, and love one another.

We gather in the name of Jesus and remember the way that he showed us. We gather to remember not just his death, but his life.

Hymn (back page)

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

Opening Prayer

Holy God, Companion in the Room, we enter the space where the story begins. As evening extinguishes daylight, we begin the task of remembering the story. Our minds race as we place ourselves around the table with Christ. Our souls become quieter as the bread is broken and the cup is poured. May we recall tonight's story as one that has drawn us together over time. May the readings and rituals bless our heavy hearts worn down by this world. Heal us with each word, each sense, each breath. Amen.

Lighting the Candles and Naming the Disciples

Anthem "In Remembrance of Me" Lloyd Larson

Communion

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

The Service of Shadows: Tenebrae

Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26: 20-25
Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26: 31a, 33-35
Response (back page) "Jesus, Remember Me"
Agony of the Soul Luke 22: 39-42,45-46
Unshared Vigil Mark 14: 32-41

Interlude "Christ's Lament in the Garden"

arr. Peter Hunt

Abba, the Hour Has Come

That They May Be All One
Response (back page)

Arrest in the Garden

John 17: 1-6

John 17: 15-18

"Jesus, Remember Me"

John 18: 1-5

Shadow of the Cross Mark 15: 16-20

Hymn No. 179 (vs. 1-2) "Were You There?"

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A Time of Silence Closing Words



Thank you for joining us. Please continue your journey through Holy Week with us:

- **Good Friday**: Drop in anytime 4:00-7:00 p.m. for self-guided stations for reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. Or view them online: www.tccnorton.org/good-friday
- Saturday: Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale, 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. www.tccnorton.org/events
- Easter Sunday: Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. in person and online: www.tccnorton.org

Ways to Give:

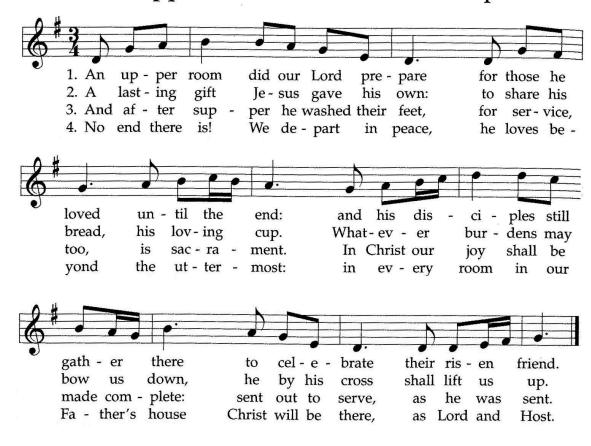
- Place an offering in the plate near the door of the sanctuary.
- Give online via our TCC website: www.tccnorton.org/giving
- Use your mobile device by downloading the free Vanco Mobile app.

Participating in tonight's service:

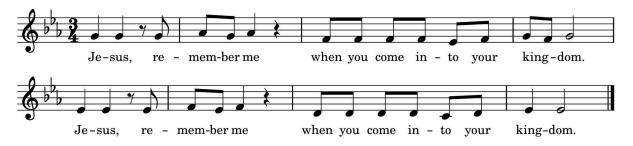
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An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare



Jesus, Remember Me



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